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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Re: Applicant(s): Santosh S. Rao, Gopal Sharma, Poonam Dhavale
Assignee: VERITAS Operating Corporation
Title: System And Method For Resolving Cluster Partitions In Out-Of-Band Storage
Virtualization Environments
Serial No.: 10/627,385
Examiner: Mohamed A. Wasel
Docket No.: VRT0089US
Filed: July 25, 2003
Group Art Unit: 2154

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

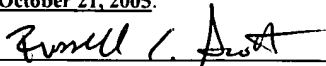
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- (3) Response To Non-Final Office Action (15 pages).

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated September 9, 2005, having a shortened statutory period expiring on December 9, 2005. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.